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1. SPANISH AND TURKS HAVE ASKED USDEL FOR SUPPORT OF
MALTESE MEDITERRANEAN DRAFT AS MEANS OF HELPING TO CON-
TROL VALLETTA MEETING. INVOLVEMENT BY ECE COULD ENSURE
IMPORTANT INPUT IN PREPARATIONS AND DETAILS BY A RELATIVE-
LY "CONSERVATIVE" REGIONAL UN REGIONAL BODY, HELPING TO
CONTROL IN MALTA PREDILECTION TO RADICALIZE VALLETTA
MEETING. AS NOTED IN REF B, DRAFT AS IT NOW STANDS IS
REPORTEDLY CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT OVER MALTESE FIRST
EFFORTS, AT INSISTENCE OF TURKEY, SPAIN AND GREECE. USDEL
REP ALSO MET WITH MALTESE AMBASSADOR RE US CONCERNS.
PURPOSE OF PARAGRAPH 7 IS TO INVOLVE ECE AS RELEVANT
CSCE-RELATED BODY, ESPECIALLY SINCE MANY ON-GOING PROJECTS
WITHIN THE ECE PERTAIN TO SCOPE OF VALLETTA MEETING.

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THERE IS NO QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION BY ECE AS SUCH,
AND PARTICIPATION BY NON-SIGNATORY MEDITERRANEAN STATES
IS NOT ADDRESSED IN MALTESE DRAFT (INDEED MALTESE
AMBASSADOR, WHO WAS ALSO AT BELGRADE, INSISTS THAT HIS
GOVERNMENT IS FULLY AWARE THAT PARTICIPATION IN THE
FORMAL SENSE MUST BE LIMITED TO CSCE SIGNATORY STATES).

2. SPAIN, TURKEY AND MALTA HAVE ACCEPTED USDEL SUGGESTION THAT BEGINNING OF PARAGRAPH 7 BE SLIGHTLY REWORDED AS FOLLOWS: QTE REQUESTS THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO CONTRIBUTE FULLY TO THE PREPARATIONS OF THE MEETING... UNQTE. THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CAN BE A PARTICIPANT IN THE MEETING, AND THUS PHRASE "TO PARTICIPATE" CANNOT BE MISINTERPRETED. HOWEVER, IF THE WORD PARTICIPATE CAUSES SERIOUS PROBLEMS MALTESE PERFECTLY WILLING TO ACCEPT ANY OTHER FORMULATION.

3. USDEL BELIEVES THAT WITH THIS WORDING, IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY IMPOLITIC TO OPPOSE CONTRIBUTION AND "PARTICIPATION" OF ECE SECRETARIAT IN CSCE FOLLOW UP MEETING DEVOTED TO ECONOMIC MATTERS (AMONG OTHERS). UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY BY DEPARTMENT USDEL WILL GO ALONG WITH BUT NOT ACTIVELY SUPPORT MALTESE DRAFT WITH ABOVE MODIFICATION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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